The De Havilland Don advanced trainer, ordered in quantity for the R.A.F., is fitted with the D.H. Gipsyking inverted vee-twelve engine, better known as the Gipsy Twelve. (*Flight* photograph.)

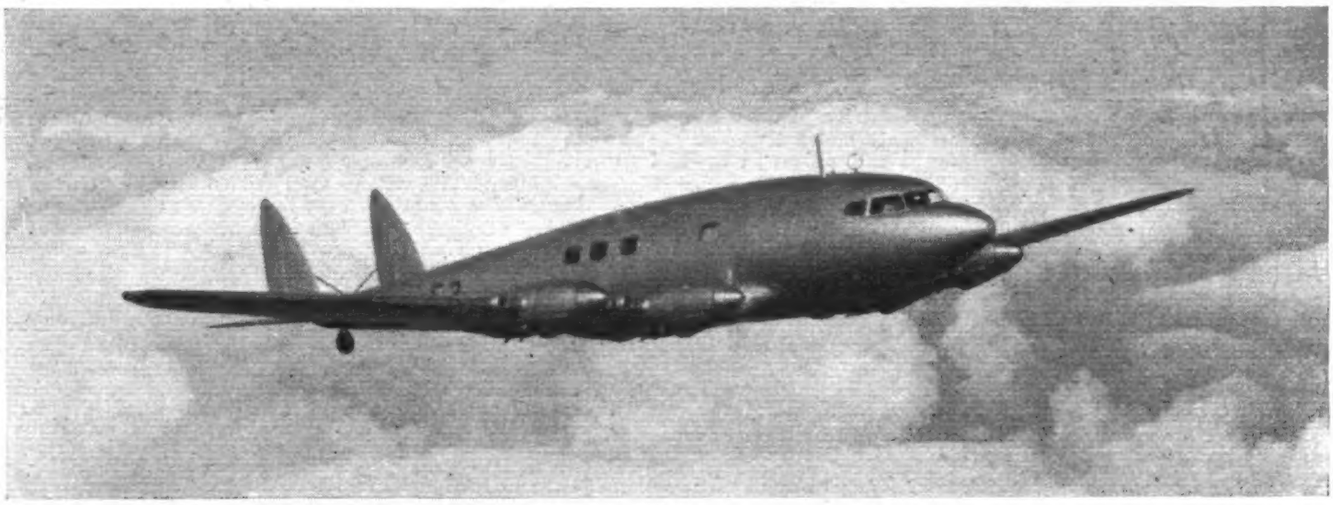
few weeks ago. Powered with four of the new twelve-cylinder inverted vee air-cooled Gipsy Twelve engines of approximately 500 h.p. each, the cruising speed is in the neighbourhood of 200 m.p.h.

One of the unorthodox features of the Albatross is the cooling system used for the engines. Air is taken in through tunnels in the leading edge of the cantilever wing and led round the cylinders. Thus it is possible to enclose the complete engine in a shapely nacelle of very small cross section.

The Albatross is mainly of wood, Bakelite plywood being extensively employed. The wing is constructed on the lines of that of the famous Comet.

Although the two "Albatrii" ordered by the Air Ministry are fitted with extra tanks for the Atlantic crossing, the remainder of the initial batch are equipped for medium-range work and have accommodation for passengers, mail, and freight.

Obviously, the Albatross is potentially a long-range bomber of great striking power, but so far no military version has officially been foreshadowed.



One of the most impressive transport aeroplanes ever built, the De Havilland Albatross is estimated to cruise at about 200 m.p.h. Its four engines are Gipsy Twelves. (*Flight* photograph.)

Forthcoming Events

June 21-28. Federation Aeronautique Internationale: London Conference.
June 26. Royal Air Force Display, Hendon.
June 28 and 29. S.B.A.C. Display, Hatfield.
July 1. Aero Golfing Society: *Flight* Trophy.
July 3. Newcastle-on-Tyne Aero Club: Newcastle Trophy Race.
July 3. Ramsgate Airport, Official Opening.
July 4. Brooklands Club: Supper Patrol.
July 4-18. Aero Club of Germany: Wasserkuppe Gliding Meeting.
July 10. Cardiff Aeroplane Club: London-Cardiff Race.
July 10. Lancashire Aero Club: Garden Party.
July 11. Herts and Essex Aeroplane Club: Air Display Broxbourne.
July 11. Italian Aero Club: Circuit of Rome.
July 15. Aero Golfing Society Jubilee Cup.
July 17. Portsmouth Aero Club: Garden Party.
July 17-18. Deauville Rally.
July 23-August 1. Swiss International Meeting.
July 24. Devon Air Day and Race: Plymouth and Exeter.
July 30-August 15. "Avia" Aero Exhibition, the Hague.
July 31. Cinque Ports Flying Club: Folkestone Aero Trophy Race.
July 31-August 2. Yorkshire Gliding Club: Opening Meeting Sutton Bank.
August 1-14. Yorkshire Gliding Club: Instructional Camp, Sutton Bank.
August 3-September 7. Public Schools Aviation Camp. Norwich.
August 6-7. Austrian Aero Club: International Rally, Lake Worth.
August 14. Eastbourne Flying Club: At Home.
August 14-22. Yorkshire Gliding Club: Open Contest, Sutton Bank.
August 21. Thanet Aero Club: Aviation Meeting and Race.
August 21. Midland Aero Club: "At Home."
August 22-29. Italian Aero Club: Circuit of Littorio.
August 28 and 29. Cinque Ports Flying Club: Lympne International Rally and Wakefield Trophy Race.
August 28-September 25. B.G.A. National Soaring Competition, Great Hucklow.
September 4 and 5. Southend Flying Club: "At Home."
September 10-11. R.Ae.C.: King's Cup Race.
September 12. Aero Club de France: Coupe Deutsch de la Meurthe, Etampes.
September 23. Aero Golfing Society: Cellon Trophy.